USSR and other countries producing heavy water is not available. By improving performance of our heavy water plants, the cost of production is being brought down progressively.

Plea against Construction of Tehri Dam Project

*39. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plea made by some environmentalists against the construction of Tehri Dam Project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider their plea against construction of Tehri Dam; and

(d) if so, by when and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plea against the Tehri Dam Project is based on apprehensions regarding the safety of the dam, displacement of large population and other adverse environmental impacts and economic viability considerations.

(c) and (d) The Tehri Dam Project was approved by the Planning Commission in 1972 when no environmental clearance was required. The scope of the project was subsequently enlarged. On the basis of a review ordered in 1980, a Working Group has submitted its report on the environmental aspects of the project. The project authorities have also submitted modified environmental action plans. Amongst others, the findings of the Working Group and the views of the environmentalists are kept in view for environmental scrutiny of the action plans.

Acquisition of Fire-Finding Radars by Pakistan

*40. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan have acquired the latest sophisticated fire-finding radars; and

(b) if so, what steps have been/are being taken to counter the same?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of regular appraisal of threats to the nation's security, appropriate measures are taken to ensure adequate defence preparedness. Divulging further details will not be in the interest of national security.

'लेब एट गाजियाबाद स्टाफ इन रुड़की' शीर्षक वाला समाचार

@50. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 25 सितम्बर, 1988 के 'हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में 'लेब एट गाजियाबाद स्टाफ इन रुड़की' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि गत चार वर्षों से स्ट्रक्चरल इंजीनियरिंग रिसर्च सेंटर, गाजियाबाद में कोई शोध कार्य नहीं हुआ है और इस संस्थान का वार्षिक व्यय कितना है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका कारण क्या है और यदि इस संस्थान को कोई कार्य दिया गया है तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान इसकी क्या-क्या उपलब्धियां रही हैं ; और

(घ) भविष्य में इस संस्थान के कार्यकरण को सुचारू तथा व्यवस्थित बनाने के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है ?

@ पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 16, 22 दिसम्बर, 1989 से स्थानान्तरित ।